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y the post mortem that the boy was shot in the side-back of the head. There is overwhelming evidence that there is a case to answer and those soldiers should at the very least have been suspended from duty, not placed under immediate arrest. ●

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HON. LARRY McDONALD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 1, 1978

Mr. McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, in the period since January 1975 when the House Committee on Internal Security was ended, we have witnessed a broad attack on this country's foreign and domestic intelligence agencies. The enemies of the U.S. intelligence community, many of whom openly have supported Soviet, Cuban, and Red Chinese-sponsored terrorist movements in the Third World, have been unimpeded in their selective leaking of intelligence agency documents, exposing of covert programs, and identification of intelligence personnel.

Measures to strengthen our Federal intelligence agencies have languished because the House committees who now have jurisdiction over our internal security and intelligence agencies have yielded to the clamor of the anti-intelligence lobbies and sensationalist press.

Our Federal intelligence agencies lack legislative mandates to take action, while our enemies are redoubling their efforts to demoralize and destroy the remaining U.S. intelligence operations. A defector Philip Agee, who could have taught the notorious Kim Philby lessons in treachery, joined by a handful of U.S. radicals, has launched a new attack on the CIA's covert capabilities.

The parameters of the new attack on the CIA and Western intelligence agencies by turncoat Agee and company from Cuba is reported in detail in the latest issue of the *Information Digest*, a newsletter on terrorist, political, and social movements edited and published by John Rees. I commend this article to the immediate attention of my colleagues. The article demonstrates the nature of the attack on the U.S. intelligence community, namely, that the attack is backed by the facilities of our Marxist totalitarian enemies; and will again, as Agee has done before, attempt to endanger the lives or personal safety of our intelligence officers by the disclosure of classified information. Only passage of H.R. 8718, which provides for the personal safety of those persons engaged in furthering the foreign intelligence operations of the United States, and the restoration of the House Committee on Internal Security can provide the legislation needed by our intelligence community to cope with the newest sabotage tactics directed toward our Nation. I urge you to join in cosponsoring House Resolution 48 to restore the Internal Security Committee and H.R. 8718 to provide protection to the men and women who serve as our front-line eyes and ears in the protracted war with the Communists.

official policy to ill-treat prisoners as well as hall trying to justify what has been happening in the interrogation centre in Castlereagh, embarrassed as they are about the findings of the Amnesty investigators?

It is bad enough that people in Belfast or wherever, either Loyalist or Republican, suspected of being involved in terrorism, can expect to be subjected to ill-treatment without the British Government trying to escape its responsibilities in the matter. The British Attorney General, Mr. Sam Silkin, was clearly embarrassed by having to defend the British case at Strasbourg. He should now be asked to clarify his Government's attitude on this matter at once.

Another matter for justifiable anger came to light in the House of Commons yesterday when the British Defense Minister, Mr. Fred Mulley, revealed that the soldiers, believed to be members of the S.A.S., who were involved in the killing of young John Boyle at Dunloy, Co. Antrim, recently are still walking the streets, armed with their Armaletes presumably.

Mr. Mulley told the SDLP leader, Mr. Gerry Fitt that the soldiers would stay on duty until it was established that there was a case to answer, to which Mr. Fitt quite rightly replied that if there was not a case to answer concerning the shooting of John Boyle, he did not know what else it might be.

The BUC have quite clearly exonerated the Boyle family from all suspicion of involvement in terrorism and it has been established

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Taking advantage of the opportunity for making foreign contacts presented by the 11th World Festival of Youth and Students now being held in Havana, a small group of American leftists including members of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and CIA defectors led by Philip Agee have announced the formation of a new counter-intelligence operation, Counter-Watch (CW).

The July 28, 1978, announcement of the formation of Counter-Watch was made at a Havana Libre Hotel news conference by Washington, D.C., NLG attorney William H. Schaap who said that the new group would develop a worldwide network of agents that will expose CIA personnel and methods of operation. The CW group will also publish on a bimonthly basis the *Covert Action Information Bulletin* (CAIB) [\$10/yr.], several hundred copies of which were distributed this week in Havana and in the U.S., in Schaap's words, "to people interested in our work."

Schaap told the well-attended press conference, "We hope ultimately to establish a world-wide network of involved and knowledgeable researchers who will have CIA officers under close scrutiny. Their [the researchers] role will be to check and double-check the work that has been done."

Members of the CW apparatus include Philip Agee, now a resident of Rome, Italy; Ellen Ray, 1842 California Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; William H. "Bill" Schaap, also of 1842 California Street, N.W.; Elsie and James Wilcott; and Louis "Lou" Wolf.

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In its premier issue [July 1978], the CAIB makes the point that a regular feature will be a section "naming names." They write:

"We do not believe that one can separate the dirty work of the CIA from the people who perform it. The exposure of past operations is valuable, but it is only half the job. How many times have we all heard the CIA, the FBI and others say, whenever a particularly nasty covert operation has been exposed, 'Oh yes, but we don't do that any more.' We believe that they do, and that the same people are often involved."

"As a service to our readers, and to progressive people around the world, we will continue to expose high-ranking CIA officials whenever and wherever we find them. This column, we hope, will usually be longer. In preparing the premier issue, we have been unable to conduct much of our regular research, and have one item for our readers."

The CW "scoop" is identification of the alleged new CIA station chief in Jamaica, Dean J. Almay, Jr., 51, whose career in the Foreign Service includes posts as a political officer in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Spain. In an interview following the Havana announcement, Schaap told a newsman that their expose had been carried by the Jamaican newspapers and that the alleged CIA station chief "was nowhere to be found."

According to Counter-Watch, "the next step" in the battle to destroy the CIA's covert capabilities has already been taken.